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Dear Colleague,

I feel privileged to invite you to the 77th Session of the Indian History Congress being held at Kariavattom Campus, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala on 28-30 December 2016. It gives us profound pleasure in extending you a most cordial invitation to participate in the proceedings of the Thiruvananthapuram session.

CITY OF THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Thiruvananthapuram or Trivandrum, the capital of Kerala is located on the west coast of India near the extreme south of the mainland. Referred to by Mahatma Gandhi as the 'Evergreen City of India', the city is characterized by its undulating terrain of low coastal hills and busy commercial alleys. The city has a population of more than 7, 50,000 inhabitants with about 1.68 million in the urban agglomeration. It is an IT hub of the state with over 80% of the state's software exports.

The city gets its name from the Malayalam word *thiru-ananth-puram*, meaning the *City of Lord Ananta*. The name derives from the deity of the Sri Padmanabhaswamy temple at the centre of the city. *Anantha* is the serpent *Shesha*, on whom *Padmanabha* or *Vishnu* reclines. This temple of Vishnu reclining on *Anantha* remains the iconic landmark of the city. The value of the monumental assets of the temple raised its status as the richest temple in the world. The city was officially referred to as Trivandrum until 1991, when the government decided to reinstate the city's original name Thiruvananthapuram.

GEOGRAPHY AND CLIMATE

Thiruvananthapuram is built on seven hills by the sea shore and is located at 8.5°N 76.9°E on the west coast, near the southern tip of mainland India. The city is bounded by the Arabian Sea to its west and the Western Ghats to its east. The city spans an area of 214.86 kms and the greater metropolitan area spans an area of 250 kms. The average elevation of the city is 16 ft above sea level. The city has a climate that borders between a tropical savanna climate and a tropical monsoon climate. December, January and February are the coldest months while March, April and May are the hottest. The lowest temperature recorded during winter was 15 °C, and the highest temperature recorded in summer was 39 °C.

UNIVERSITY OF KERALA, DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

The University of Kerala, established as the University of Travancore in 1937, during the reign of Sri ChithiraTirunal Balarama Varma, is one of the oldest Universities in India. Founded by a Royal Proclamation of the Maharaja of Travancore it was intended to promote technological education in the erstwhile native state. The University of Travancore was reconstituted into the University of Kerala in 1957. The 'Mother' University was later on segmented into the Calicut, Mahatma Gandhi, Sree Sankaracharya, and other Universities. The administrative complex of the University is located in the heart of the city at Palayam. The Kerala University has been Re-accredited by NAAC with 'A Grade' and credited with the 'First Chancellor's Award' for the Best University in Kerala.

The Department of History came into being in 1962. The *Journal of Indian History* edited and published by the Department, is the oldest and the only one of its genre which began in 1922 from Allahabad with Sir Shafaat Ahmad Khan as Editor. The department also publishes the *Journal of Kerala Studies* which began publication in 1974 reflecting the views, ideas and findings of scholars of various disciplines having a bearing on Kerala. Along

with **Mahatma Ayyankali Chair** the department co-ordinates the *Acquire* Social-Science Programme of the University of Kerala. The department has been served by a Vice-Chancellor and distinguished Historians.

THE VENUE – KARIAVATTOM CAMPUS

Location - Kariavattom Campus, at about 14 kilometers from the city (on the Thiruvananthapuram –Kollam National highway) and 08 Kms from the Airport, houses the various teaching departments under the University of Kerala. The campus laden with enchanting greenery covers about 450 acres of land. There are 42 departments under the university of which 37 are at the picturesquely located Kariavattom campus.

How to Reach –The Campus is linked with all modes of public/private transportations, being located adjacent to the Thiruvananthapuram- Kollam National Highway. The nearest airport is Trivandrum International Airport (08 km away) and the nearest railway stations are Kazhakuttom (2.7 km away), Kochuveli (08 km away) and Thiruvananthapuram Central (14 km away). The delegates will get Kerala State Transport buses from all stations to reach the Kariavattom Campus.

MEMBERSHIP

Participation in the Indian History Congress session is open to all members. For rules of membership and the prescribed form for registration, please visit the website www.indianhistorycongress.com or contact Professor Ishrat Alam, Secretary, Indian History Congress, Department of History (Room No 33), Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh– 202001 (E-mail ihc.secretary15@gmail.com) and Mob:-07599296411/09760666637. Existing Annual Members intending to attend the Congress are requested to pay the annual renewal fee of Rs.250, while new members should pay the initial membership fee of Rs.300, and those members wishing to be Life Members should pay Rs.5,000. All payments are to be made by either Multicity Cheque or by Bank Draft in favour of the Indian History Congress, payable at Aligarh, to be sent to Professor Ramesh Rawat, Treasurer, Indian History Congress, Department of History (Room No 33), Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh– 202001. Please note that Bank Drafts are preferred, and out-station cheques will not be accepted. Local members may pay in cash at the Local Secretary's office, Department of History, University of Kerala.

DELEGATE FEE

The delegate fee of Rs.1200/-in favour of *Indian History Congress Thiruvananthapuram*, payable at Thiruvananthapuram either by Multicity cheque or demand draft along with Information form may be sent to Dr. Suresh Jnaneswaran, Local Secretary, Indian History Congress 77th Session, Professor, Department of History, University of Kerala, Kariavattom Campus, Thiruvananthapuram-695581 Email: dr.sureshjnaneswaran@gmail.com, Mobile: 09349328437. The accompanying members have to pay Rs. 2500/- per head to ensure their accommodation. Please fill in the form for delegate registration in the format given below and send it along with the Delegate fee. Please use separate form for the accompanying persons.

The last date for the receipt of delegate fee is **15th November 2016**. If Delegate Fee is not received by that date, *no assurance regarding accommodation can be given.*

RECEPTION AND REGISTRATION

The reception counter at the Kariavattom Campus will function from the morning of 27th December, 2016 till noon on 28th December, 2016. Our volunteers shall receive the delegates at the Railway Station/Airport. Registration will be done at the University Campus, Kariavattom from 27th morning. At the registration counters, preference will be given to those delegates who have already sent delegate fee and **Pro forma**.

ACCOMMODATION

We are trying our best to accommodate the delegates in various guest houses, hotels and dormitories. Accommodation will be provided from 27th morning to 31st evening. Accommodation cannot be assured to delegates who have not paid their 'Delegate fee and the accompanying duly filled Pro forma by the last date. Delegates are requested not to bring children or families, as far as possible, with them. We will find it difficult to arrange accommodation for the accompanying members (Non-Member) and those members who do not give us the mandatory information and fee by the said date.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation will be arranged to the delegates from different destinations to Kariavattom Campus from 28th morning to 30th afternoon. Transport to and fro from the Accommodation centres to the Campus and back will be provided in the morning, and evening after dinner.

MEALS

All meals, beginning with dinner on 27 December up to dinner on 30 December 2016 will be provided at the central Venue at Kariavattom Campus. Please note that if you order meals or refreshments at the hotel/boarding house, kindly make payments for the same at your personal expense.

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Delegate fee (1200/-)/Accompanying Member (2500/-)

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Signature

Please send this form, duly filled along with the delegate fee at the earliest to ensure your accommodation. Please use separate form for the accompanying person.

SUBMISSION OF PAPERS

Members should send their papers (**two copies**) to the Secretary, Indian History Congress, **Zahra Cottage, 4/80-J Kabir Colony, Anupshahar Road, Aligarh, 202002** and a soft copy in **WORD** to <ihc.secretary15@gmail.com> and <aligarhhistorianssociety2010@gmail.com> **before 30 November 2016**. If e-mailing is not possible please send CD. **All copies of papers should bear the full name of the author, membership no., and e-mail address at the top of the first page.** Papers received after 30 Nov. 2016 cannot be included in the printed List of Papers and will only be accommodated on the last day (30 December) if possible.

There are eleven prizes for the best papers submitted at the Indian History Congress in various sessions or fields. The last date of the receipt of papers submitted for the prize is 30 November 2015. For details and nomination of books for six prizes please see the First Circular of the Secretary, Indian History Congress or the website mentioned above (www.indianhistorycongress.com).

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We are looking forward to the immense pleasure of meeting you at the Conference Venue.

Wishing you fruitful deliberations and Warm Regards

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